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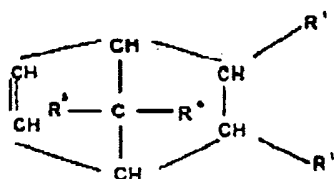
Amendments to the Claims**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.**

1. (Canceled)

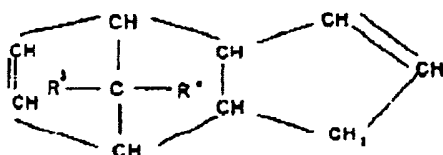
2. (Currently amended) **A process for producing microfiber webs comprising at least one****cycloolefin polymer by melt-blowing, [[The process of claim 1,]]** wherein the

cycloolefin polymer contains:

(a) 0.1-100% by weight, based on the total mass of the cycloolefin polymer, of polymerized units derived from at least one polycyclic olefin of the formulae I, II, II', III, IV, V or VI



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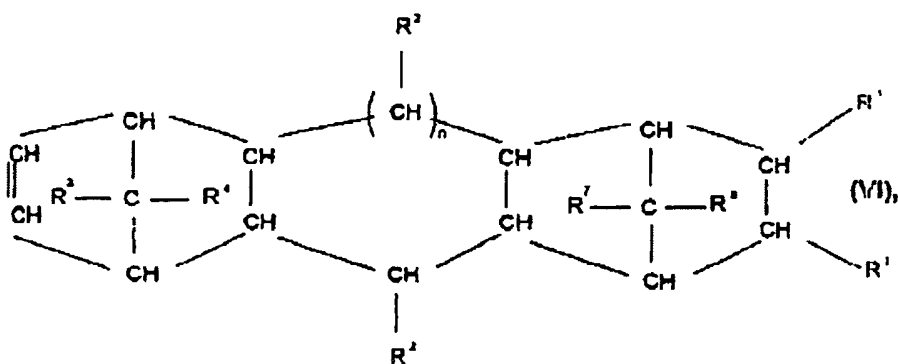
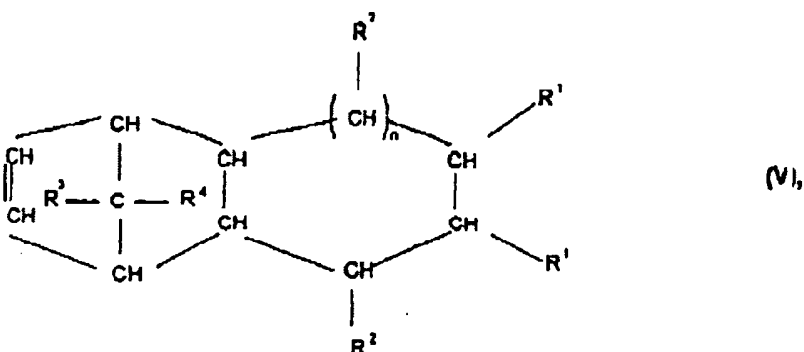
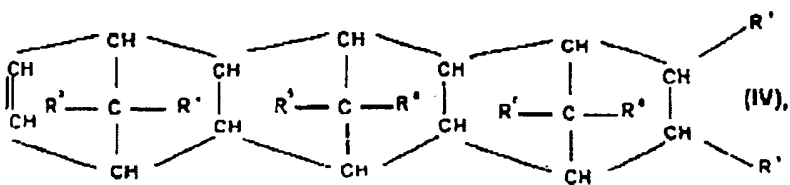
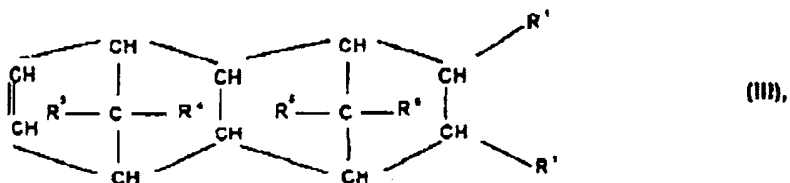
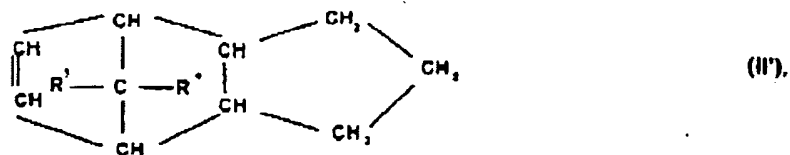


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where $R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, R^5, R^6, R^7$ and R^8 , which may be the same or different, are each a hydrogen atom, ~~[[or]]~~ a C_1 - C_{20} hydrocarbyl radical, ~~[[such as a linear or branched C_1 - C_8 alkyl radical, C_6 - C_{18} aryl radical, C_2 - C_{30} allylenearyl radical,]]~~ or a cyclic or acyclic C_2 - C_{20} alkenyl radical, or form a saturated, unsaturated or aromatic ring,

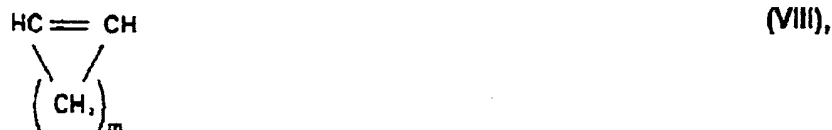
subject to the proviso that the same R^1 to R^8 may have different meanings in the various formulae I to VI, and n is from 0 to 5, and

(b) 0 to 99.9% by weight, based on the total mass of the cycloolefin polymer, of polymerized units derived from one or more acyclic olefins of the formula VII



where R^9, R^{10}, R^{11} and R^{12} , which may be the same or different, are each a hydrogen atom or a linear, branched or saturated or unsaturated C_1 - C_{20} hydrocarbyl radical, ~~[[such as a C_1 - C_8 alkyl radical or a C_6 - C_{18} aryl radical,]]~~ and

(c) 0 to 45% by weight, based on the overall composition of the cycloolefin polymer, of polymerized units derived from one or more monocyclic olefins of the formula VIII



where m is from 2 to 10.

3. (Withdrawn) A melt-blown microfiber web prepared according to the process of claim 1 or 2.
4. (Withdrawn) A material comprising the melt-blown microfiber web of claim 3, wherein the material is selected from the group consisting of an oil absorber, a filter material, and an insulation material.
5. (Canceled)

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6. (New) The process according to claim 2, wherein the C₁-C₂₀ hydrocarbyl radical of groups R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷ and R⁸ is each independently selected from the group consisting of a linear C₁-C₈ alkyl radical, a branched C₁-C₈ alkyl radical, a C₆-C₁₈ aryl radical, and a C₇-C₂₀ alkylenearyl radical.

7. (New) The process according to claim 2, wherein the C₁-C₂₀ hydrocarbyl radical of groups R⁹, R¹⁰, R¹¹ and R¹² is each independently selected from the group consisting of a C₁-C₈ alkyl radical and a C₆-C₁₈ aryl radical.